



# Smarter Balanced Update

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# Smarter Balanced Field Test

- Begins March 18, 2014, and runs through June 6, 2014
- CAASPP test coordinators will be able to access test assignments (content area and performance task) for schools by grade level the week March 10, 2014
- Test window assignments for California schools available at <http://californiatac.org/about/smarter-balanced/testing-windows/index.html>



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# Emergency CAASPP Regulations

- Specifically for the 2013-14 school year
- Addresses topics such as test security forms and accessibility supports for students
- Available at  
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lr/rr/caaspp.asp>



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# Redesigned CDE Web Page for the Smarter Balanced Field Test

- Launched February 19 at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/smarterfieldtest.asp>

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## Spring 2014 Smarter Balanced Field Test

Information on the Smarter Balanced Field Test that will be administered in spring 2014.

In spring 2014, California will administer the Smarter Balanced Field Test in English-language arts and mathematics. This Field Test is a major milestone in California's transition to its new assessment system, the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). This Web page provides access to the latest information and key resources for a variety of audiences about the Field Test.

### California Smarter Balanced Portal

Online training modules, key resources, and access to the Practice Test, Training Test, Secure Browsers, and the Test Information and Distribution Engine (TIDE) are all available from the [California Smarter Balanced Portal](#) [C](#).

### Smarter Balanced Field Test Updates

To receive regular updates on the Smarter Balanced Field Test, join the California Department of Education's Smarter Balanced e-mail list by sending a blank e-mail to [subscribe-caaspp@mlist.cde.ca.gov](mailto:subscribe-caaspp@mlist.cde.ca.gov).

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### California Assessments

The 2013–14 Smarter Balanced Field Test includes assessments in both English-language arts/literacy and mathematics. In addition, California will administer tests in other content areas that are not included in the Smarter Balanced system. All of these assessments are part of the CAASPP system, which replaces the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program.

The [California Assessment System Chart](#) shows all the tests that will be administered to California's students in the 2013–14 school year. For more information about the tests to be administered in 2013–14, including some paper-based tests, visit the [California Technical Assistance Center \(CalTAC\)](#) [C](#).



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# Field Test Videos for Students

- February 10 letter from CDE to LEA Superintendents and Charter School Administrators announcing videos  
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/el/le/yr14ltr0210.asp>
- Links to You Tube videos:
  - High school: <http://youtu.be/DXXd451e580>
  - Middle school: <http://youtu.be/YKerb7NsDUE>



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# Field Test Notification Letter Template

- Developed by CDE to assist LEAs in notifying parents and guardians of the Field Test
- Available in English and Spanish
- These templates are available on the CDE Field Test Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/smarterfieldtest.asp>.



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# Field Test Webcast Archives and Training Modules

- Resources such as recorded Webinars of Field Test training and instructions for downloading the Field Test secure browser <http://californiatac.org/training/sbft/>
- Additional training modules are available on the California portal to the Smarter Balanced Field Test at <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/ca/field-test-ca/resources/>



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# Field Test Flashes (e-mails)

- New resource for CAASPP listserv subscribers
- Announces new resources and information pertaining to the spring 2014 Smarter Balanced Field Test
- Archived Flashes available on the CDE Field Test Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/caasppcomm.asp>





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# California Smarter Balanced Field Test Portal

- This portal provides access to TIDE and resources such as the *California Online Field Test Administration Manual* and *California TIDE Manual*.
- Each California LEA CAASPP Coordinator has been provided with login information to access this portal.
- <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/ca/>



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# California Smarter Balanced Field Test Portal (cont.)

<http://sbac.portal.airast.org/ca/field-test-ca/>



**Start by system**



Coming Soon  
Online Reporting for  
California Users



Coming Soon  
TA Interface for  
California Users



Online TIDE System  
for California Users

**Welcome to the Smarter Balanced Field Test for California**

This portal is the gateway to the systems used by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Field Test. Use this site to access the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE), the Test Administrator Interface, and the software download for the secure browser for student computers.

**Important Information**

- The Field Test will be unavailable on the following dates:

Field Test Downtime	
Thursday, April 10	Sunday, April 13, 2014
Thursday, May 8	Sunday, May 11, 2014

Added January 15, 2014



Secure Browser



Diagnostic Tools





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# CA Smarter Balanced Practice and Training Tests Portal

<http://sbac.portal.airast.org/ca/practice-test-ca/>



## Welcome to the Smarter Balanced Practice and Training Tests

The Smarter Balanced Practice and Training Tests are available to schools and districts for practice and training purposes, professional development activities, and for discussions with parents, policymakers, and other interested stakeholders.

- See [Resources and Documentation](#) for supporting materials related to the Practice and Training Tests, including information about other devices supported for testing.  
Added February 12, 2014.
- Practice Test performance task writing rubrics are available under [Resources and Documentation](#).  
Added February 13, 2014.

- Scoring guides for the Smarter Balanced Practice Test are available under [Resources and Documentation](#).  
Added February 13, 2014.

Note that some braille tests have a separate scoring guide, but the general scoring guide is applicable to all other accommodations and any braille test for which an independent scoring guide is not posted.

- The Practice/Training Test system will be unavailable on the following dates:

Practice/Training Test Downtime
Sunday, February 9, 2014
Saturday, April 26 – Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Added January 15, 2014.

- [Calculators](#) are available for students to preview and practice with outside of the testing environment.  
Added September 24, 2013.
- The Practice and Training Tests can be taken on any Internet-connected computer using a current Web browser including:
  - Mozilla Firefox
  - Google Chrome
  - Microsoft Internet Explorer 10
  - Apple SafariAdded August 29, 2013.
- To experience the text-to-speech functionality, the [Secure Browser](#) application is required.  
Added July 25, 2013.
- To administer a braille test, access the [TA Practice Site](#).  
Added July 25, 2013.



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# Preparation for the Smarter Balanced Field Test

Outreach Flyer  
describes  
preparation activities  
for LEAs, and will be  
posted to the  
Smarter Balanced  
Field Test Web page.

**Preparation for the 2014 Smarter Balanced Field Test**

**Video/Webcasts**

- Let's Talk Universal Tools • Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE)
- Smarter Balanced Test Administration Overview
- Student Interface for Online Testing
- Performance Task Overview • Training Test: Introduction to Teachers
- Setting Up and Using the Smarter Balanced Practice Test
- Technology Requirements for Online Testing
- Accessibility and Accommodations • Technology Readiness Webinars
- <http://cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/tf/field-test-prep.aspx>

Field Test videos for high school, middle school and elementary students

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C33491x08>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Y7YK657N6UE>

**Smarter Balanced Field Test Training Workshops**

Stockton • San Diego • Santa Clara  
San Francisco • Los Angeles  
Alameda • Riverside • Santa Barbara  
Monterey • Mendocino • Kern  
Fresno • Shasta • Butte • Imperial

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/tf/field-test-prep.aspx>

**In-Person Presentations**

- Advisory Commission on Special Education
- California County Superintendents Educational Services Association
- Capital Regional Assessment Network
- Education Coalition
- National Education Association
- State and Federal Categorical Directors
- Parent-Teacher Association
- California Teachers Association
- California Federation of Teachers
- Secondary Literacy Partnership
- Charter School Conference
- STEM Summit
- American Indian Education Oversight Committee
- Common Core Integration Action Team
- Association of California School Administrators
- Curriculum and Instruction Steering Committee
- Title I Conference
- Regional Assessment Network
- Bilingual Coordinators Network

**Redesign of CDE Web Page**

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/tf/smartertestprep.aspx>

**Messaging**

- Field Test Flash • SBPI Correspondence • FAQs
- Bi-monthly Smarter Balanced meetings • Checklists
- Parent guides • Letters • Brochures for LEAs • Surveys
- LEA readiness phone campaign • Smarter Balanced Updates
- Technology Readiness Workgroup
- Technology Specifications Manual
- K12HSN: Technology readiness assessment tool
- <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/tf/smartertestprep.aspx>

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# California Technical Assistance Center (CalTAC)

- Assistance for LEA CAASPP Coordinators

Phone: 1-800-955-2954

E-mail: [caltac@ets.org](mailto:caltac@ets.org)

Web site: <http://www.californiatac.org/>



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# Smarter Balanced Career Readiness Framework

- Draft framework available for public review at [http://www.smarterbalanced.org/smarter-balanced-assessments/#career for public review](http://www.smarterbalanced.org/smarter-balanced-assessments/#career%20for%20public%20review)
- Through March 28, 2014, feedback can be submitted through an online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KCSB7JF>



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# For Further Information

**CDE CAASPP Office**

[caaspp@cde.ca.gov](mailto:caaspp@cde.ca.gov)

916-445-8765

**CDE Smarter Balanced Web Page**

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/smarter/>



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# CALPADS Overview

- CALPADS collects individual-level student, staff, and course data
- For funding, assessment, and accountability purposes student data is used, specifically:
  - Enrollment and exits
  - Student Information
  - Student Program





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# CALPADS Operations

- Data can be submitted to CALPADS 24/7
- Data is maintained longitudinally in the CALPADS Operational Data Store (ODS)
- Data in the ODS changes on an ongoing basis as LEAs submit updates to CALPADS (additions, deletions, changes)



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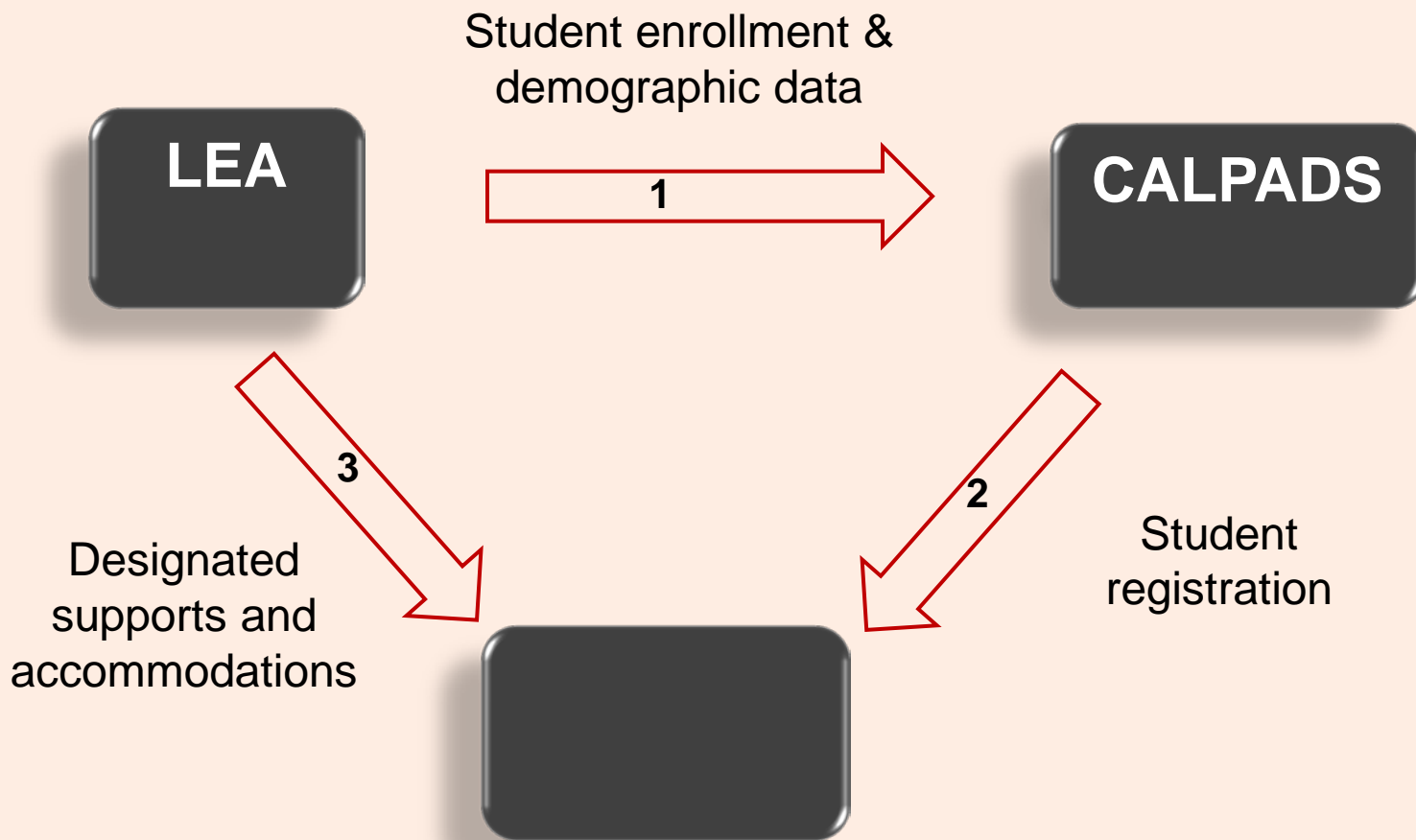
# CALPADS and the Smarter Balanced Field Test

- CALPADS is the source for student data used to register for the Smarter Balanced Field Test.
- Registration (i.e., data upload) is completed by CDE on behalf of LEAs through the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE).
- See the February 5 letter from CDE to LEA CALPADS Administrators and CAASPP Coordinators  
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sp/cl/smartbaltest020514.asp>



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# Smarter Balanced Field Test Registration Flow



# CALPADS and Smarter Balanced Field Test



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- Test registration integration
  - Nightly data extracts from CALPADS
  - Data elements include:

Reporting LEA	Ethnicity
School of attendance	Socioeconomically disadvantaged
Student legal last name	Special education program
Student legal first name	Section 504
Student legal middle name	Primary language
Statewide student identifier (SSID)	Migrant status
Grade level	Student initial U.S. school enrollment date K-12
Gender	English learner
Race	English language acquisition status start date
	Primary disability



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# Test Information Distribution Engine

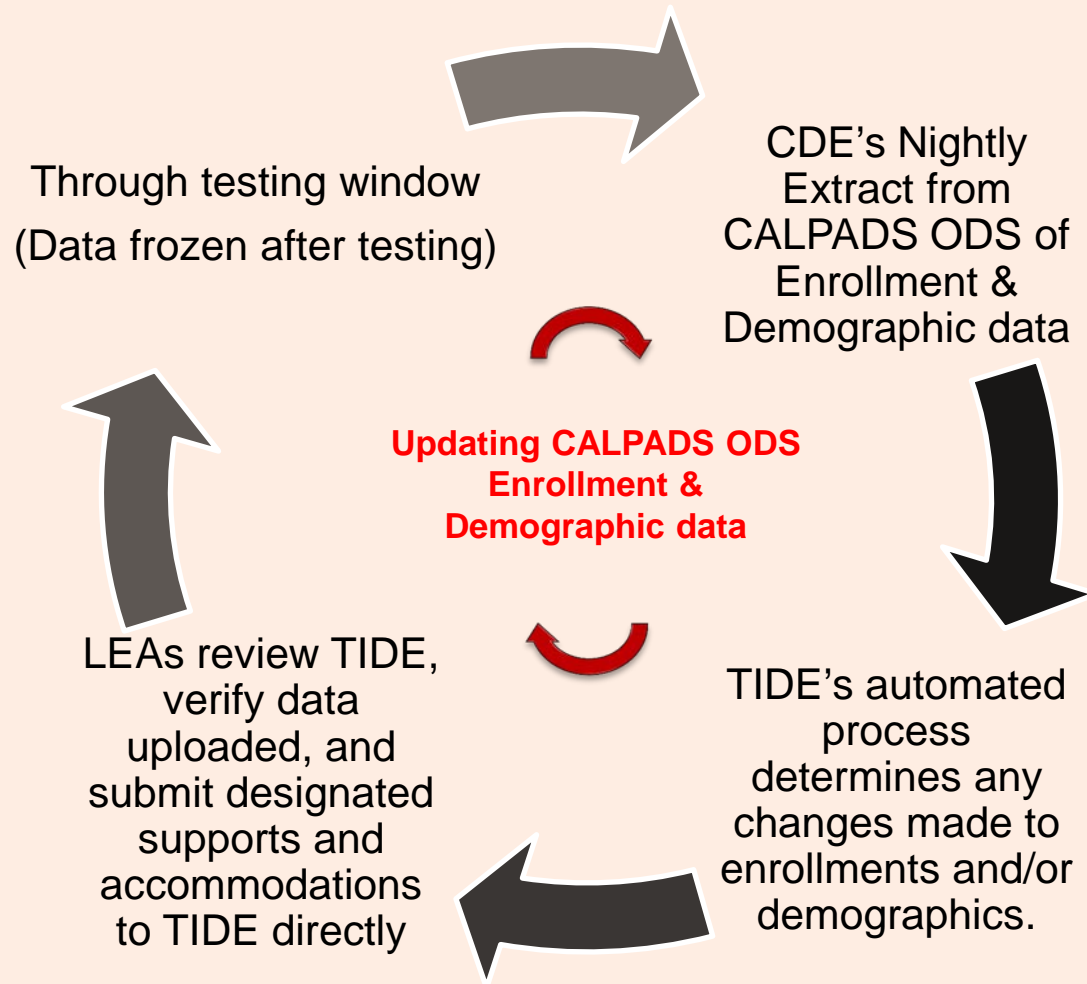
- The online Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) System allows authorized users to do several things, including:
  - Create new administrative users and modify roles within their LEA.
  - Manage students' default test settings and accommodations. These must be enabled in TIDE by coordinator or designated staff member (not test administrator) prior to testing.
- The system and the *California TIDE User Guide* are now available on the California Smarter Balanced Field Test portal at <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/ca/field-test-ca/>.



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# CALPADS → TIDE

## Data Loading Process





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# Designated Supports and Accommodations

- Accommodations are NOT collected in CALPADS.
- Both District Coordinators and Site Coordinators are authorized to set designated supports and accommodations for students.
  - **Two ways:** one-by-one or upload file (using SSID to link)
  - **Must be set prior to the test session**
- There is a template for uploading both embedded and non-embedded supports/accommodations.
- Set in system by content area.
- Accommodations can be set immediately prior to the student test.
- **Reminder:** adding, uploading, or editing student demographic information is only through CALPADS



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# Importance of CALPADS

- CALPADS is the **sole** source for student enrollment and demographic and program participation data for TIDE.
- Student accommodations and supports will **not** be uploaded in CALPADS.
- Student accommodations and supports **cannot** be uploaded by the LEA until CALPADS data is available in TIDE.
- LEAs **cannot** update enrollment, student demographic, or program participation data in TIDE; must be updated in CALPADS.
- Processing time from CALPADS to TIDE is within 48 hours.
- **It is critical for LEAs to update CALPADS regularly.**





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# Contact Information

## **CALPADS Support Desk**

<http://www2.cde.ca.gov/calpads/help/default.aspx>

[Calpads-support@cde.ca.gov](mailto:Calpads-support@cde.ca.gov)

916-325-9210